

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Applicant has added new claims 2-19. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-19 are presented for examination.

Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to for referencing U.S. Application No. 09/778,170 instead of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,697,911. Applicant has amended the specification to reference U.S. Patent No. 6,697,911.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claim 1 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,148,364, claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,911 and claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,140. Applicant has enclosed terminal disclaimers herewith to overcome the double patenting rejections.

Conclusion

If a telephone interview would be helpful in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee deficiency associated with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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